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28th April 2023

Message from the Head Teacher

Coronation Celebration

We are looking forward to celebrating on the coronation of king Charles III with you on Friday 5th May. It will start promptly at 2pm on the field and parents, and our wider school family are welcome to come and celebrate with us. Do bring a blanket or picnic chairs with you. Children can come in their own clothes for the day, however, we ask that they are dressed smartly for a party or celebration. Each class will be performing a country dance and a maypole dance and the choir will also be performing. We will also have some traditional games for the children to play.

As a Coronation legacy we would like to purchase at least one Author's Chair for the school. Each class has been working hard on their own Young Enterprise project and we will have a variety of items for you to purchase during the afternoon. These are priced at between £2-£5. Children are welcome to purchase their own items but they have also made goods for everyone to buy. Please do support this very worthwhile initiative.

We also look forward to unveiling our Coronation mosaic. We are delighted to say that Lilly and Daisy completed the winning design. The children and adults have been working hard on compiling the mosaic and we look forward to unveiling it to you.

The PTA will be providing refreshments during the afternoon. They will be serving plates of delicious scones with Cornish clotted cream and strawberry jam. The scones will only be available to pre-order as we need to know numbers. Please go to www.jumblebee.co.uk/scone to order yours. The ticket shop will close on Tuesday 2nd May at 10am. All other refreshments will be available to purchase on the day and payment is by cash or card. A letter and flyer is attached.

Coats and Wellies

We are truly blessed with our wonderful outdoor space and during the summer term aim to eat lunch outside each day. However, some days are chillier or wetter than others. Please ensure that children have a coat with them each day. Also, please ensure that children have their wellies with them in school each day so that they can enjoy our field even when it's wet.

May Half Term Activities

Space Store is running holiday Space Activity Days (formerly called Space Camp) holiday clubs this May Half Term for children ages 5-11. There are exciting and adventure-packed space-themed activities, games and sports to keep children engaged during the holiday - promoting creativity, learning, imagination and social skills. These run at Ladygrove Community in Didcot from Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June 9:00-16:00. A flyer is attached.

The Oxfordshire Museum is running lots of free activities for all ages from under 5s through to Year 6 children. Go to their website for more details and to book your **FREE** place! [Children's activities at The Oxfordshire Museum | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

Coach James is also running sports activities in the holidays at Stokenchurch Primary School with a Multi Sports Day on Wednesday 31st May and Football Academy on Friday 2nd June. These run from 10:00-15:00 with an option of extending it to 9:00-16:00. Please contact Coach James directly to book.

Kind regards

Mrs France

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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:



Hedgehog Class:

What a fun week in Hedgehog we've had. Thank you to the wonderful Miss Williams who has been helping us with our learning while Mrs Hall has been working on the exciting mosaic. We have been watching our beans grow and have been closely observing and drawing the changes we see. In Maths the children have been practicing their counting skills and learning how to use mathematical language to describe the position of an object. They have been doing treasure hunts and thinking carefully about clues to help their partner find their shape without pointing or saying 'over there'. It's trickier than you think! We enjoyed helping out with the mosaic this week and can't wait to see the finished artwork!



Squirrel Class:

It's been a busy week in Squirrel Class. In Maths the Year 1 children have been looking at mass and comparing things that are full and empty and the Year 2 children have also been doing capacity but measuring in grams. In English we continued with our topic of Violet the Pilot and planned the re-telling of the day of the air show from the perspective of the dog, Orville. We used story boards to help us. Our Art was linked to our topic and we made peg planes using wooden pegs for the fuselage and craft sticks for the wings and propellers – it was great fun! We have yet to test them out to see just how far they will fly. In RE this week we looked at the people that followed Jesus. We read the story of how huge crowds followed Jesus just to hear him teach but that Jesus didn't just feed their minds he also fed them physically too. Despite only having 5 loaves and two small fish everybody ate until they were full and there were 12 baskets of leftovers! Finally, we have also spent time working on the big Coronation mosaic in the hall and have discovered a love of grouting!



Fox Class:

We have spent a large majority of our time again immersing ourselves in the Victorian period. The class have really found Street Child a fascinating story of what life would have been like for children during this period. They wrote some brilliant dialogue between two of the characters bringing in to play some of the language used then and really getting under the skin of these characters: one nice and one not so! We also learnt about Queen Victoria and her life and wrote a newspaper article informing the nation of her death followed by an opportunity to sketch Victoria using charcoal – amazing results as you can see from the picture. We have also spent time making our Young Enterprise hedgehogs which they thoroughly enjoyed and became quite attached to each one – I believe some even have names! In Science children learnt about the functions of a flowering plant and drew a diagram to help explain what they had learnt. They are also keenly watching the seeds they planted last week – some have germinated; we have discussed why some have and some haven't remembering that each group took one requirement away.



Owl Class:

As the Year Six children continue to prepare for SATS, we have been altering our timetable to split the years into groups and work on separate projects, including our Young Enterprise project for the Coronation party, which are looking extremely smart and will most certainly be a smash hit. On the subject of smashing, both year groups had the chance to take part in assembling a mosaic with Mrs Hall, and I'm certain everyone had a cracking time! Our Year 5 Art Ambassadors were there to assist each year group and were an excellent example of our school values as they helped, guided and supported the other children (and some adults too!). In lesson time, we have been reading Windrush Child and discussing the protagonist of Leonard, to get to know him better, and have planned our first Big Write of this term. The children have really accepted the challenge of this book and its story and are approaching its more sensitive themes in an open minded and mature way. In science, we have learned about Carl Linnaeus (the father of Taxonomy) and how he spearheaded the use of one single classification system (which we modelled with wine gums, of course), and in Geography the children used an atlas to research and compare geological similarities and differences between the UK and three eastern European countries. We also developed our map reading skills by getting to grips with the lines of latitude and longitude, and how these imaginary lines have helped us separate different climates and habitats for humans. Well done on another busy week Owl!

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Photo Diary of the Week





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Whole School Topic: Summer Term: A Sense of Identity

Values: Harmony

This week we talked about friendships in collective worship. We reflected on the fact that one way to show someone that they are a values friend is to be a friend. Christians believe that Jesus is their closest friend, even closer than a brother or sister, and he gives us an example of how to be a good friend. In the Bible there is a book of wise sayings called The Book of Proverbs. We looked at Proverbs 18:24 which says:

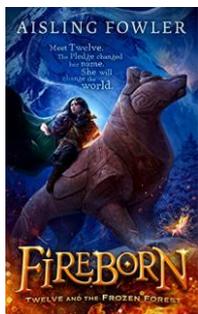
'There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.'

Climate Warriors Challenge

This week we are asking our Young Climate Warriors ... do we sometimes take water for granted? Your challenge this week is to save water– swap baths for showers, set a timer for showers, turn the tap off whilst brushing teeth or stop a dripping tap ... what will you choose to do?

This week there is also an opportunity to learn about water issues experienced by other children around the world, which are being greatly exacerbated by climate change. We include a WaterAid video ['What has climate change got to do with Water'](#).

Book Review: FireBorn-Twelve and the Frozen Forest by Aisling Fowling. Reviewed by Freya, Year 6.



This is set in the snowy northern forests of an imagined prehistoric world. This book is exciting, funny and heart wrenchingly sad, and is by quite a new author for children's literature. Twelve has no friends at the hunting lodge, except from Widge, a tiny squirrel. However, when a Huntling is taken, Twelve teams up with Dog and some other hunters to get her back. She has given up her name so that she can fight monsters, so this is secretly a dream come true for Twelve. Her mission will change her name and life forever!

I rate this book five stars out of five, because it has loads of drama and suspense, and I never wanted to put the book down!

Happiness Calendar: Active April

This month, we're encouraging you to try something new! You can find this month's happiness calendar [here](#).

Housepoints

<i>House</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bethlehem	23	57
Eden	26	51
Galilee	25	50
Jerusalem	21	55

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Fmails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
28.04.23	Letter	Years 3/4/5	Mrs Healy	Swimming
28.04.23	Letter and flyer	Everyone	PTA	Coronation Cream Tea

Diary Dates Summer Term 2023 (New or revised dates in bold)

April	
April	Year 5 Cycling 21 st and 28 th April, 5 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th . 19 th May - Test 22 nd May
May	
Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd	STRIKE CONFIRMED
Friday 5 th	Coronation afternoon tea and games for families of Aston Rowant School on school field
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th	Swimming starts for Years 3, 4, 5
Tue 9 th – Fri 12 th	Year 6 SATs (Tue SPaG, Wed Reading, Thurs 2x Maths, Fri Maths)
w/c 15 th May	Year 2 SATs
Wednesday 17 th	Fox Class Victorian Day
Friday 26 th	INSET
June	
Friday 9 th	Year 6 Cycling starts - also on 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th , 7 th July and 14 th – Test 17 th July
w/c 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 15 th	Bags2School
Monday 19 th	Garsington Opera Workshop on The Barber of Seville
Tuesday 20 th	Dance Festival at Lord Williams's School - Fox and Squirrel Classes
Monday 26 th	Science Day at Lord Williams's School
Wednesday 28 th	The Look Out Discovery Centre - Squirrel Class trip
July	
Thursday 6 th	RE Inspired Year 6
Friday 7 th	PTA AGM – electing new Chair, Secretary and Finance Officer
w/c 10 th July	Sports Enrichment Week including Sports Day Wednesday 12 th
Monday 17 th	End of Year Reports
Tuesday 18 th	Owl Class visit Wormsley Estate to watch 'The Barber of Seville' by Garsington Opera
Friday 21 st	End of Term 13:30

Academic Year Calendar 2023-24

Autumn 23	
Tues 5 th Sept – Thurs 19 th Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th October	HALF TERM
Mon 30 th Oct – Wed 20 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)
Spring 24	
Tue 9 th Jan – Fri 9 th Feb	Spring Term (1)
Monday 12 th – Fri 16 th February	HALF TERM
Mon 19 th Feb – Thurs 28 th March	Spring Term (2)
Summer 24	
Mon 15 th April - Thu 24 th May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May	HALF TERM
Mon 3 rd June – Wed 24 th July	Summer Term (2)

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